AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Texas

Timothy Jackson	
Plaintiff	
V.) Civil Action No. 4:21-cv-00033
Laura Wright, et al.)
Defendant)
WAIVER OF THE	SERVICE OF SUMMONS
To: Jonathan F. Mitchell	
(Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plain	ntiff)
I have received your request to waive service of two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of r	a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, returning one signed copy of the form to you.
I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expe	ense of serving a summons and complaint in this case.
I understand that I, or the entity I represent, y jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive	will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's any objections to the absence of a summons or of service.
	must file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within when this request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the be entered against me or the entity I represent.

Date: January 21, 2021

Frank Heidlberger

Printed name of party waiving service of summons

Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party

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Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.

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